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ALIEN DUCKLINGS

THAT'S THEM!

WE'VE CHASED THEM ACROSS THE UNIVERSE AND HERE THEY ARE ON EARTH, WHERE THEY'VE TAKEN NEW FORMS.

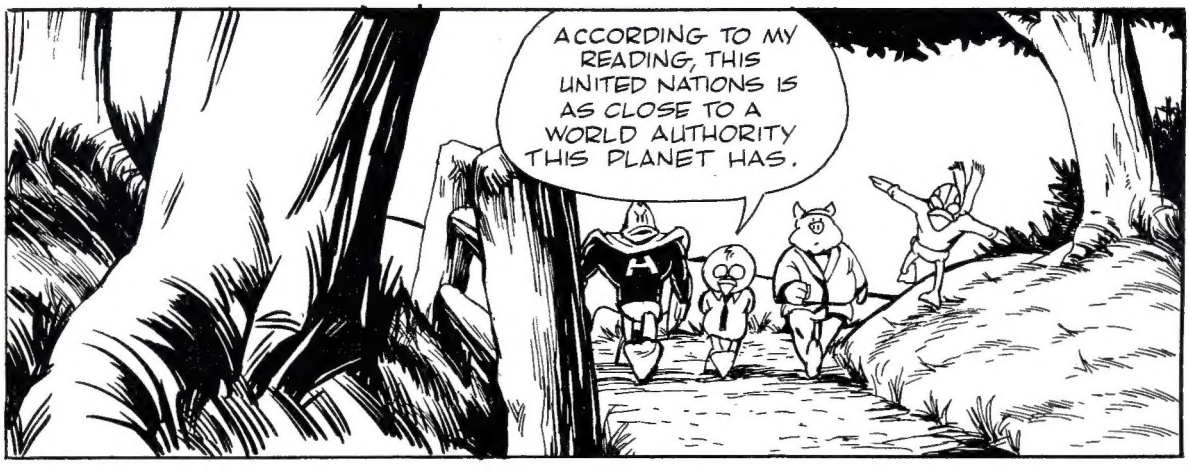
THE ONE ON THE LEFT CALLS HIMSELF **AQUADUCK**, AND HAS SWORN TO FIGHT EVIL IN ALL IT'S FORMS. HE'S THE ONE WE'VE GOT TO WATCH OUT FOR.

THE LITTLE RUNT NEXT TO HIM IS **WEBSTER**. THEY CALL HIM THE "AVIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA."

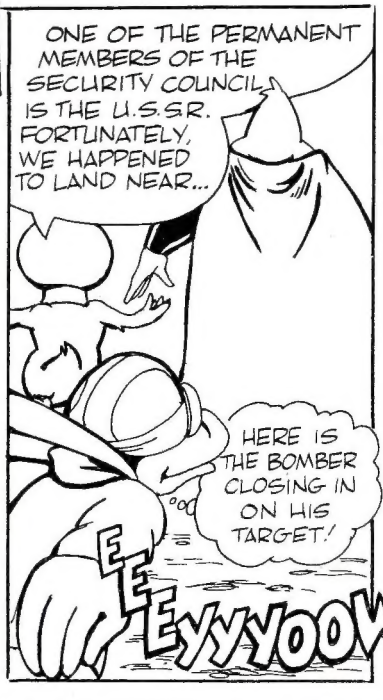
THE PIG IS CALLED **MASTER PO**, AND IS A DISCIPLE OF EARTH'S EASTERN PHILOSOPHY.

THE ONE IN THE BACK IS AN INSUFFERABLE, CHILDISH BUFFOON WHO GOES BY THE NAME OF **WITTY BANTER**.

WE'LL CAPTURE HIM FIRST.

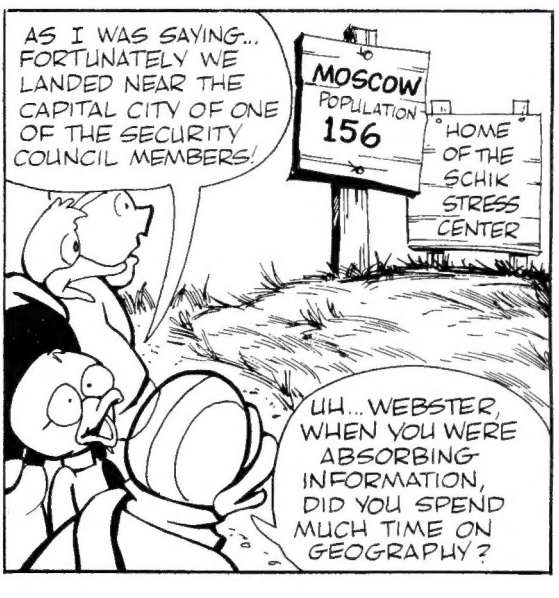

ACCORDING TO MY READING, THIS UNITED NATIONS IS AS CLOSE TO A WORLD AUTHORITY THIS PLANET HAS.

EEEEEYYYOOWW
SO MY PLAN IS TO GO THERE, AND WARN THEM ABOUT THE EVIL OVERLOADS.


ONE OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS THE U.S.S.R. FORTUNATELY, WE HAPPENED TO LAND NEAR...
HERE IS THE BOMBER CLOSING IN ON HIS TARGET!
EEEEYYYOOWW

HE PREPARES TO DROP THE PAYLOAD...
...OPEN BOMBAY DOORS.

BONK!
IF YOU DON'T STOP PLAYING BOMBARDIER, SOMETHING'S GOT TO GIVE.
PROBABLY MY HEAD...


AS I WAS SAYING... FORTUNATELY WE LANDED NEAR THE CAPITAL CITY OF ONE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS!
MOSCOW
POPULATION
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HOME OF THE SCHIK STRESS CENTER
UH... WEBSTER, WHEN YOU WERE ABSORBING INFORMATION, DID YOU SPEND MUCH TIME ON GEOGRAPHY?

BOVINE INTERVENTION

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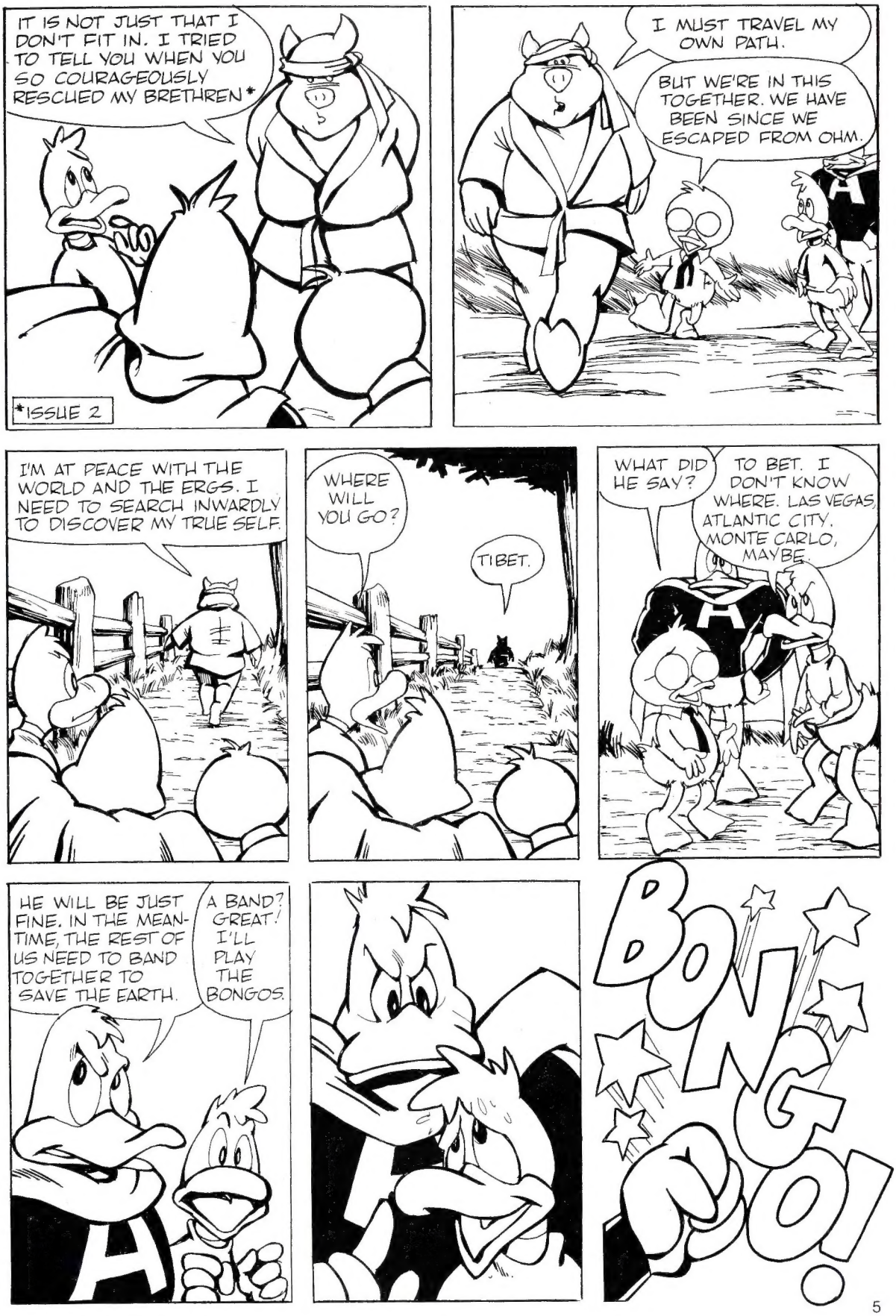
LORD VOLTEATER, HIS HIGHNESS SOLEATER, THE SUPREME, IS ON THE TRANSBEAMER.
UH-OH.
YES, MY LORD.
YOU LOOK A LITTLE FUNNY, VOLTEATER. ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE TAKEN ON THE FORM OF EARTH'S DOMINANT SPECIES?
ER...UH...
WHAT DO I TELL HIM? NO, I SCREWED UP AND WERE A BUNCH OF FARM ANIMALS?
IF I TELL THE TRUTH, HE'LL HAVE ME DRAINED. IF I LIE, I MIGHT BE SAFE, BUT OUR CHANCES OF CONQUERING EARTH WILL BE IN JEOPARDY.
I MUST DO THE RIGHT THING. IT'S EVERY SOLDIER'S DUTY.
WELL?
ER...UH... YES SIR, WE ARE THE DOMINANT SPECIES.
"GOOD, THE INVASION FORCES ARE IN POSITION."
GULP!


IT IS NOT JUST THAT I DON'T FIT IN. I TRIED TO TELL YOU WHEN YOU SO COURAGEOUSLY RESCUED MY BRETHREN*
*ISSUE 2
I MUST TRAVEL MY OWN PATH.
BUT WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER. WE HAVE BEEN SINCE WE ESCAPED FROM OHM.
I'M AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD AND THE ERGS. I NEED TO SEARCH INWARDLY TO DISCOVER MY TRUE SELF.
WHERE WILL YOU GO?
TIBET.
WHAT DID HE SAY?
TO BET. I DON'T KNOW WHERE. LAS VEGAS, ATLANTIC CITY, MONTE CARLO, MAYBE.
HE WILL BE JUST FINE. IN THE MEAN-TIME, THE REST OF US NEED TO BAND TOGETHER TO SAVE THE EARTH.
A BAND? GREAT! I'LL PLAY THE BONGOS.
BONGO!

WITH PO GONE, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE REST OF US STAY TOGETHER.
HE'LL BE BACK DOWN IN A SECOND.
IT'S JUST THAT HE MAKES ME SO MAD SOMETIMES.
WHOMP!
NOW HERE'S MY PLAN. IF WE SPLIT UP WE'LL BE ABLE TO COVER MOSCOW BETTER.
I'LL GO TO THE LIBRARY. AQUADUCK, YOU FIND THE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, AND WITTY, YOU GO TO..
THE HOTH-PITAL?
JUST STAY OUT OF TROUBLE, OR...
AQUADUCK, YOU PROMISED.
WITTY, YOU LOOK AROUND AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ANY SCIENTIFIC GROUPS.
THIS IS PERFECT! WE'LL OVERPOWER THEM ONE AT A TIME.

"THE OTHERS MUST HAVE CAUGHT THE PIG BY NOW."
WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY SENT THREE OF US?
I WILL FOLLOW THE BROOK TO THE STREAM, THE STREAM TO THE RIVER, THE RIVER TO...
THE GENERATORS BACK ON OHM.
COME WITH US QUIETLY AND THERE WON'T BE ANY TROUBLE.
I WISH NO TROUBLE.
THIS ISN'T ANY FUN. LET'S ROUGH HIM UP A BIT!

IT'S SAUSAGE TIME!
SPLURSH!
THAT'S IT, PORKCHOP!
HA HA HA HA HAH HAH
FWUMP!

COME ON, BOYS, IT'S TIME! A PANCAKE OUT OF THIS BACON.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT HE'S MAKING ME HUNGRY.
KRAK
WHAP
WHAP
THUMP!
THUMP!
THUMP!
HOW IRONIC THAT IT IS THEY, WHO HAVE FOUND INWARD PEACE.

SCHIK STRESS CENTER
"HELP FOR THE OVERCOMPETITIVE"
HMMM... NOW WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE COULD I POSSIBLY GET INTO IN A QUIET PLACE LIKE THIS?
SIESTA SEMINAR TODAY!
IT'S OBVIOUSLY A SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION.
OOOO NOOOOO! PLEASE TELL THEM I CAN'T MAKE IT. MY DOG HAS BEEN STEPPED ON. OOOO NOOOO!
HUH?
WINNING ISN'T EVERY-THING.
LIFE GOALS: PUNT INSTEAD
RELAX THROUGH JELLO THERAPY
STAGE ENTRANCE
I WONDER WHAT THAT WAS ALL ABOUT?
...AND NOW, THE MOMENT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR. THE MAN WHO'S THE BEST IN THE WORLD AT WHAT HE DOES...
THE BRILLIANT DR. BILL!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
I SEE WHY HE'S CALLED DR. BILL!
HE'S FUNNY LOOKING!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! HE'S IMITATING A DUCK!

I CAN DO A BETTER DUCK THAN THAT!
QUEK! QUEK!
OH YEAH? THAT'S NOTHING.
DITHPICABLE! DITHPICABLE!
QUEK QUEK QUEK
YOU LIKE DUCKS? HOW ABOUT A GOOSE?
QUACK
QUACK! QUACK!
QUACK QU-ACK!
QUACK!
QUACK
QUACK
QUACK QUACK
QUACKITY QUACKITY QUACKITY QUACKITY
WHAT A TIME TO BE WITHOUT A GUN!

WHILE A FEW BLOCKS AWAY..
MOSCOW LIBRARY
A LIBRARY IS WHERE I GOT MY POWERS, A LIBRARY IS WHERE I'LL GET MY ANSWERS.
GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD
WORLD ATLAS BY CHARLES CARS AND WILLIAM WORLD
A SHORT HISTORY VOL. I TO VOL. XXIV
UNITED NATIONS HISTORY BY MOUSE & TONGUE
WE'RE NOT IN THE U.S.S.R.! WE'RE IN THE UNITED STATES! THE UNITED NATIONS ISN'T ANYWHERE NEAR HERE.
I WONDER WHAT STATE WE'RE IN?
CONFUSION.
HUH?
ER... DID YOU KNOW THAT COWS AREN'T ALLOWED IN THE LIBRARY?
HUH?
I'M AFRAID... I'M GOING TO HAVE TO REPORT YOU... TO THE LIBRARIAN.
GULP
GOTCHA!
THUNK!

LORD VOLTEATER, WE BROUGHT YOU A PRESENT.
GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK WITH US AGAIN. I HOPE THE TRIP DIDN'T TIRE YOU OUT AND YOU STILL HAVE YOUR ENERGY! HA HA HA HA
STILL HAVE YOUR ENERGY, GET IT? HA HA HA HA HA
SIR, HIS HIGHNESS IS ON THE TRANSBEAMER.
HEH HEH, YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.
I'M THINKING ABOUT SENDING YOU MORE TROOPS. DO I HAVE TO CLONE THEM OFF AS COWS?
YOU ARE THE DOMINANT BEINGS AREN'T YOU?
UH...WELL... MURPH.
YES, OH BRIGHT ONE.
ONE PEEP AND YOU'RE DRAINED.
GREAT, THE INVASION FORCES ARE BEAMING DOWN NOW.
TIME TO LOOK FOR A NEW PLANET.

WHILE ON ANOTHER PART OF THIS PLANET (SORT OF)...
YOU'VE TO GET THEM TO STOP THIS DR. BILL. AND, WHY THE COSTUME?
IT'S NOT A COSTUME, AND I'M NOT DR. BILL.
QUACK
QUACK
QUACK!
QUACK
QUACK!
QUACK
QUACK
QUAK!

BUT YOUR... ...AH... PROTUBERANCE!
LISTEN, LADY, I'M TIRED OF...
TIRED?

THAT DUCK IMITATING TOOK MY ENERGY AWAY. I'M MORE TIRED.
MORE TIRED? I'M THE MOST TIRED!

YOU'RE ONLY TIRED? I'M EXHAUSTED!

I'LL TELL YOU EXHAUSTED! I CAN'T EVEN GET UP!

I'M... SO... ...EXHAUSTED... I... CAN... BARELY... BREATHE...

WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU MUST DO SOMETHING!
W-WHO A-ARE T-THESE P-P-PEOPLE?
THEY'RE A GROUP OF OBSESSIVELY COMPETITIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE SLOWLY BEING CURED OF THEIR DESIRE TO BE THE BEST AT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.
"THEY COME TO THE SCHIK STRESS CENTER TO LEARN HOW TO RELAX, AND TO OVERCOME THEIR COMPETITIVE NATURE."
SCHIK STRESS CENTER
"HELP FOR THE OVERCOMPETITIVE"
"THEY THINK YOU'RE DR. BILL, AND THAT YOU CAN HELP THEM, SO THEY'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY."
LET'S SEE WHO CAN BE THE QUIETEST.
OH THANK YOU!
NOW BEFORE I GO I WANT YOU TO DO ONE THING FOR ME.
I WANT TO SEE WHO CAN MAKE THE MOST REALISTIC SOUNDING BATHROOM NOISES.
THIS IS TOO MUCH FUN!
BUT, I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO WORRYING ABOUT THE ERGS.
BEEP FFFT!
WHOOEE! BLUFT!
I WONDER HOW MANY OF THEM THERE ARE HERE ON EARTH..?

"THERE PROBABLY AREN'T EVEN ENOUGH OF THEM TO WORRY ABOUT."

OOOH, AM I IN TROUBLE!

UNAWARE OF THE ERG BUILDUP, AQUADUCK SEEKS HELP FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
MOSCOW POLICE AND LAUNDROMAT
NOT ONLY IS THAT THE TALLEST TALE I'VE EVER HEARD, BUT IF ANYONE IN TOWN SEES ME TALKING TO A DUCK I'LL BE FIRED!
BOOT!
AQUADUCK, HELP ME!
SOMEONE IN DISTRESS.
FUNNY, MY FEATHERS ARE TINGLING.
AQUADUCK, PLEASE!

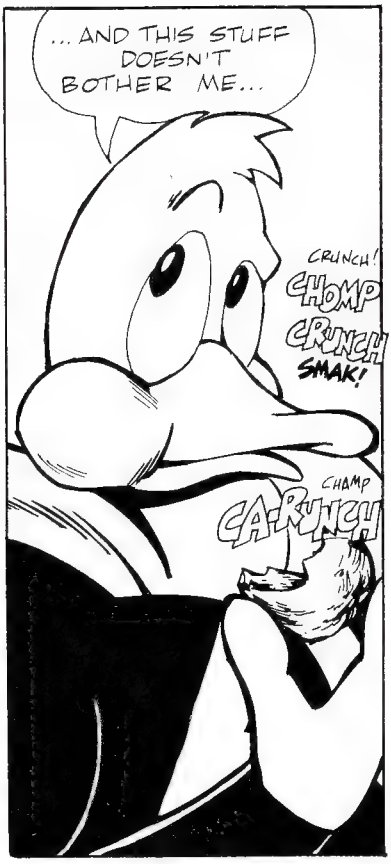
OH, AQUADUCK. MY HERO!
WHOOSH!
BAP!
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU EVIL COWS ARE, BUT TRICKERY WILL GAIN YOU NOTHING.
WE GOT 'IM
?
PINK

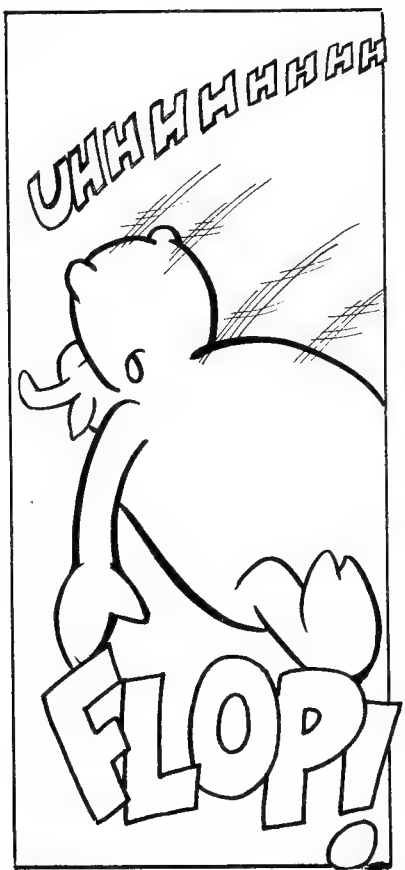
WHAM
TAP
DON'T WORRY, IT WORKS.
POW!
THIS COWPUNCHING SHORE IS FUN, PARDNER.

WHAP!
GET ALONG, YOU DOGGIES! I'M GONNA...UGH
KA-POW!
WITTY! WHY YOU...
NOW FOR THE REST OF YOU!
BIPITTY
BAP
BOP
POW
UUUH!
THIS KRYTONITE OUGHT TO SLOW YOU DOWN.

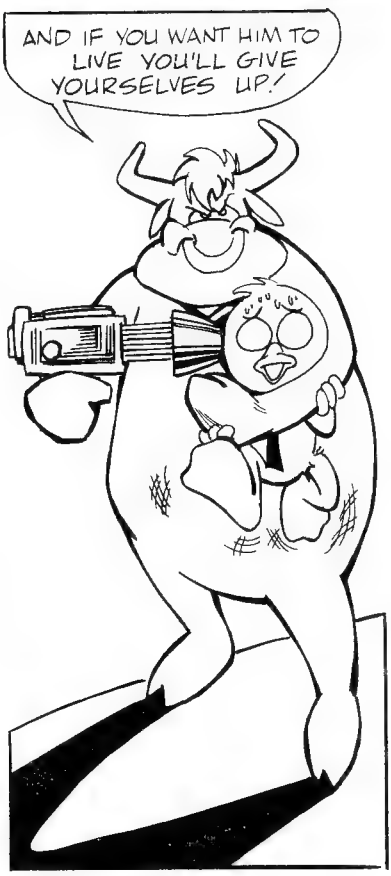
HA HA HA HA
I'VE GOT YOU NOW,
SUPERDUCK!

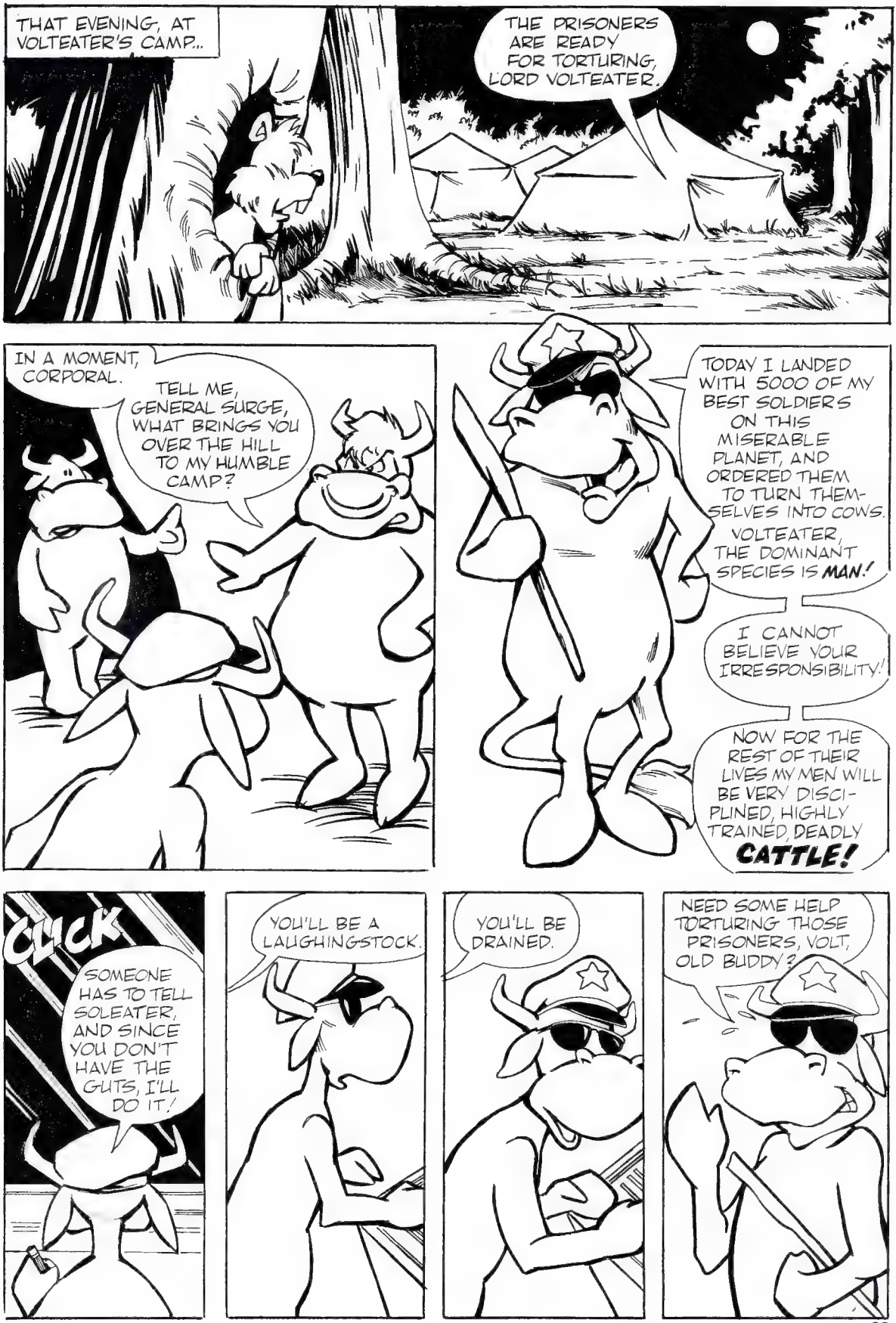
THAT'S
AQUADUCK!

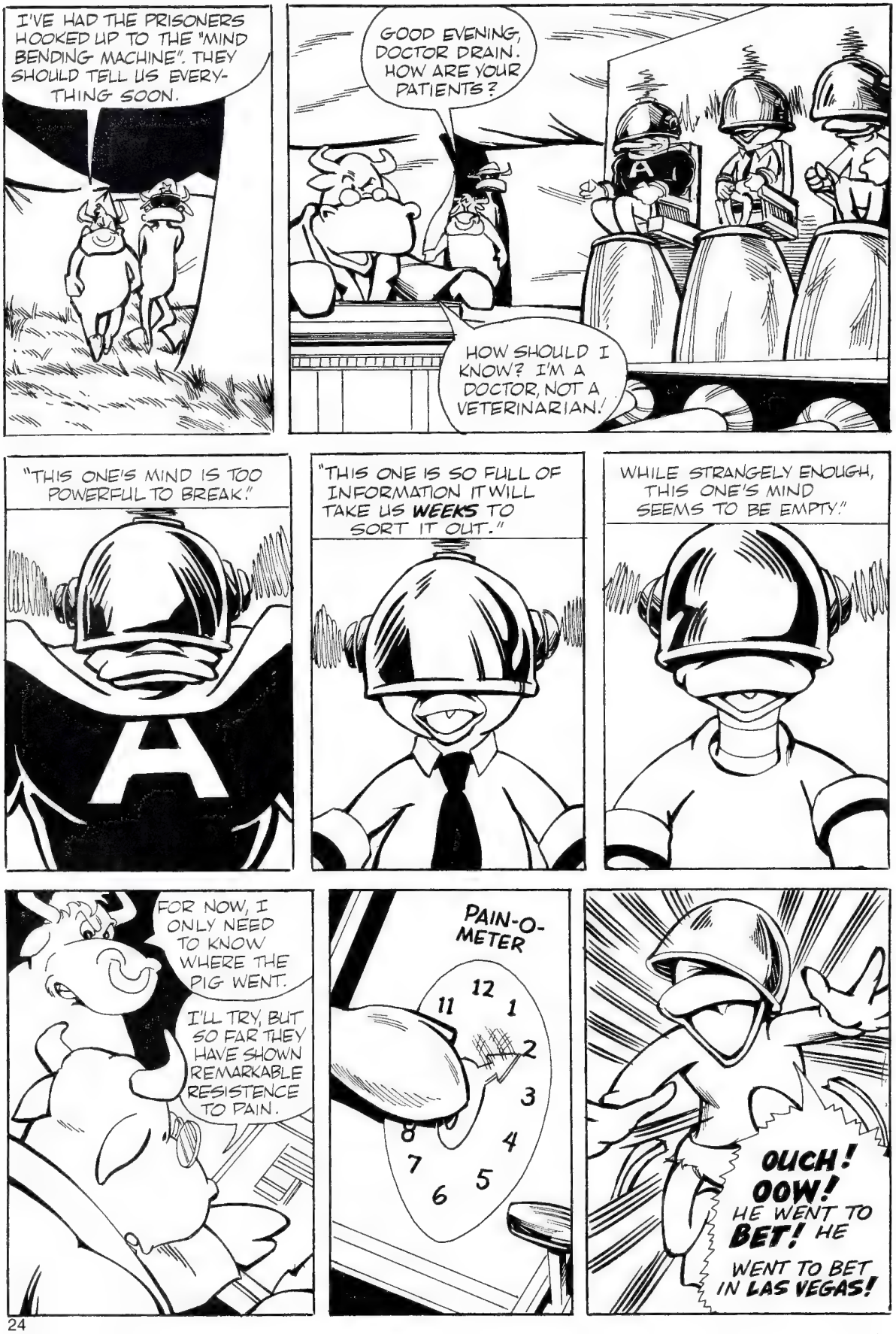

... AND THIS STUFF
DOESN'T
BOTHER ME...
CRUNCH!
CHOMP
CRUNCH
SMAK!
CHAMP
CA-RUNCH


UHHHHHHHH
FLOP!

ARE YOU OK.?
WHERE'S
WEBSTER?
HE'S RIGHT
HERE.


AND IF YOU WANT HIM TO
LIVE YOU'LL GIVE
YOURSELVES UP!


THAT EVENING, AT VOLTEATER'S CAMP...
THE PRISONERS ARE READY FOR TORTURING, LORD VOLTEATER.
IN A MOMENT, CORPORAL.
TELL ME, GENERAL SURGE, WHAT BRINGS YOU OVER THE HILL TO MY HUMBLE CAMP?
TODAY I LANDED WITH 5000 OF MY BEST SOLDIERS ON THIS MISERABLE PLANET, AND ORDERED THEM TO TURN THEMSELVES INTO COWS.
VOLTEATER, THE DOMINANT SPECIES IS MAN!
I CANNOT BELIEVE YOUR IRRESPONSIBILITY!
NOW FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES MY MEN WILL BE VERY DISCIPLINED, HIGHLY TRAINED, DEADLY CATTLE!
CLICK
SOMEONE HAS TO TELL SOLEATER, AND SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS, I'LL DO IT.
YOU'LL BE A LAUGHINGSTOCK.
YOU'LL BE DRAINED.
NEED SOME HELP TORTURING THOSE PRISONERS, VOLT, OLD BUDDY?

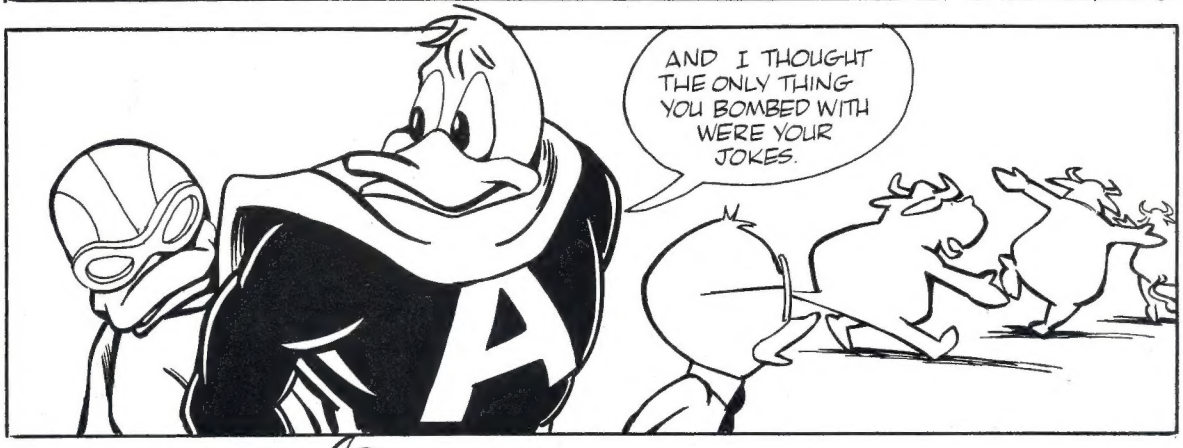

I'VE HAD THE PRISONERS HOOKED UP TO THE "MIND BENDING MACHINE". THEY SHOULD TELL US EVERYTHING SOON.
GOOD EVENING, DOCTOR DRAIN. HOW ARE YOUR PATIENTS?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? I'M A DOCTOR, NOT A VETERINARIAN!
"THIS ONE'S MIND IS TOO POWERFUL TO BREAK."
"THIS ONE IS SO FULL OF INFORMATION IT WILL TAKE US WEEKS TO SORT IT OUT."
WHILE STRANGELY ENOUGH, THIS ONE'S MIND SEEMS TO BE EMPTY."
FOR NOW, I ONLY NEED TO KNOW WHERE THE PIG WENT.
I'LL TRY, BUT SO FAR THEY HAVE SHOWN REMARKABLE RESISTENCE TO PAIN.
PAIN-O-METER
12
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
11
OUCH! OOW! HE WENT TO BET! HE WENT TO BET IN LAS VEGAS!

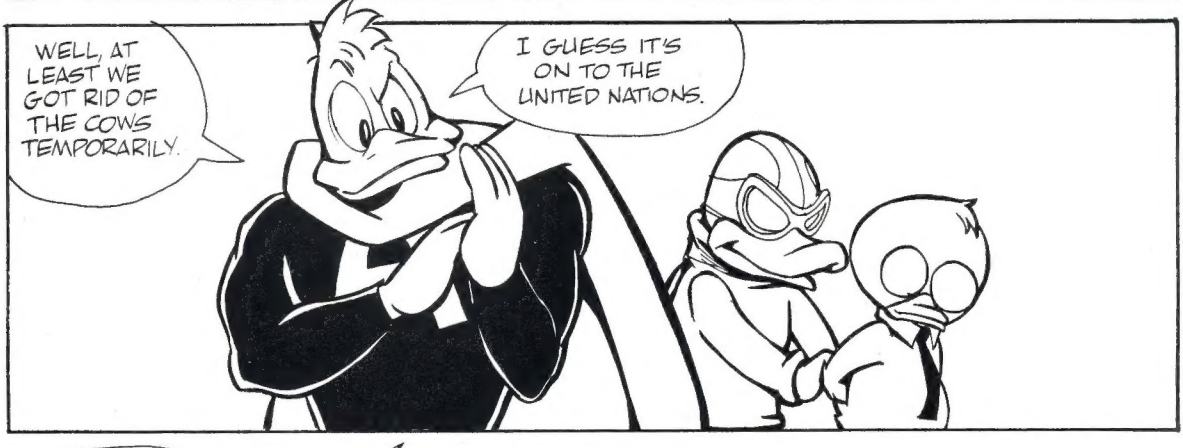
LATER
LUCKY I WAS ABLE TO WIGGLE OUT OF THAT MACHINE. WHEW! WHAT A HANGOVER!
FUNNY, I THOUGHT COWS SLEPT STANDING UP!
zzzzzzzzzz
SERGEANT, ASSEMBLE THE MEN!
WE FOUND THIS GUARD SLEEPING ON HIS POST, SIR.
YOU HAVE FAILED ME, SOLDIER!
LET THIS BE A REMINDER TO THE REST OF YOU.
NO! PLEASE! AHHHHHHHHH!
THUUUUURP!
SERGEANT, TAKE TEN MEN AND ESCORT THE OTHER PRISONERS TO THE MAIN CAMP.
URP

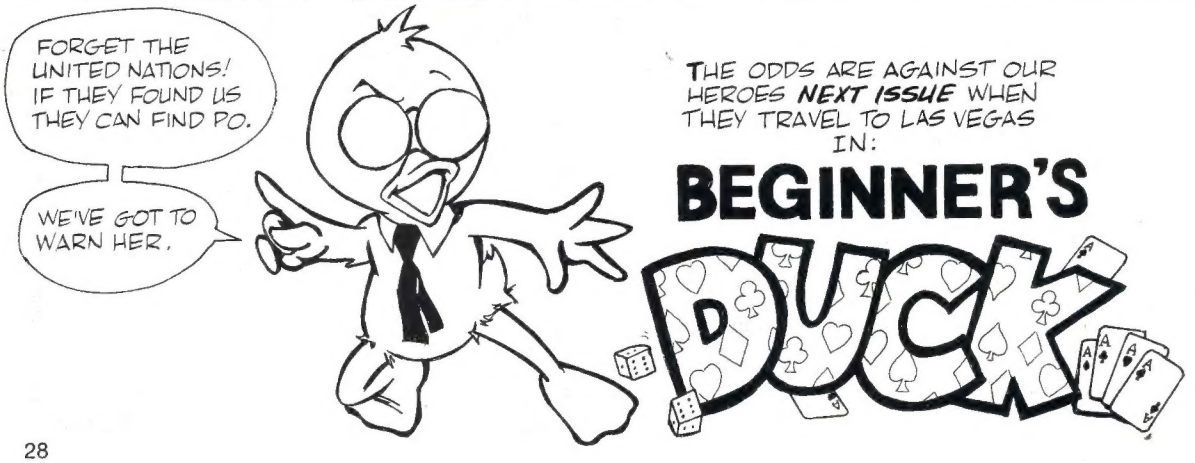
KEEP MOVING.
SCHIK STRESS CENTER
EEEYYYOOOOWWWW
HEY, WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
THERE'S SOMETHING UP THERE, BUT IT'S RIGHT IN THE SUN.
O.K., PEOPLE, NOW WE'LL TAKE A RELAXING, NON-COMPETITIVE WALK.
OH, LOOK! COWS.
HERE COMES THE BOMBER CLOSING IN ON HIS TARGET.
EEEEEEEYYYOOOOWWWW

"OPEN BOMBAY DOORS."
EEEEEYYOOWWW
"DROPPING PAYLOAD."
CLANK!
CLINK!
CLATTER!
HEY, EVERBODY, I'M THE BEST COW MILKER IN TOWN!
OH, YEAH?
FIRST ONE TO FILL A BUCKET WINS!
TWO BUCKETS!

AHHHHHH
SMACK
POW
BLAP


AND I THOUGHT THE ONLY THING YOU BOMBED WITH WERE YOUR JOKES.


WELL, AT LEAST WE GOT RID OF THE COWS TEMPORARILY.
I GUESS IT'S ON TO THE UNITED NATIONS.


FORGET THE UNITED NATIONS! IF THEY FOUND US THEY CAN FIND PO.
WE'VE GOT TO WARN HER.
THE ODDS ARE AGAINST OUR HEROES NEXT ISSUE WHEN THEY TRAVEL TO LAS VEGAS IN:
BEGINNER'S
DUCK

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